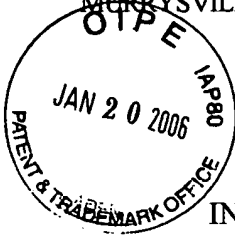


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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT - SECTION 1.97 (b)

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.97 and 1.98, applicants' representative hereby submits U.S. Patent & Trademarks Office Form PTO-1449. Copies of the references cited therein are submitted for consideration in the examination of the above- referenced patent application. It is respectfully requested that they be made of record, along with whatever references the Examiner may find in the course of a search, should the Examiner consider them material to the subject application.

In accordance with Section 1.97(b) (3), it is believed that this Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

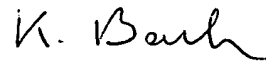
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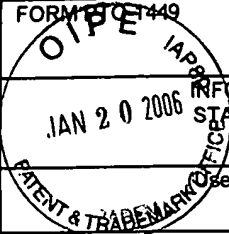
The US patent 5 931 079 was considered by the Chinese Examiner to be particularly pertinent.

In view of this reference, it may be necessary (upon thorough consideration) to limit claim 1 so as to more distinctly define the invention.

Respectfully Submitted,

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